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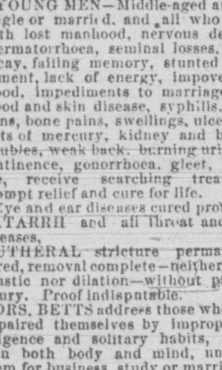

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Whisky Leads to a Horrible Tragedy, in Which a Man Murders His Family and Then Takes His Own Life.

NETHERWOOD, Pa., Sept 2.—Sunday morning, after Mr. Henry Ashton, a prominent citizen of this place, had breakfasted, he sent word to his stable to his colored coachman, William Thompson, to bring his carriage to the door, as he intended to take his wife and daughter, Emily, for a drive to Pennville. After waiting some time for the coachman, he went to the stable to ascertain the cause of the delay. From Thompson's wife he learned that the coachman had gone away with the horse and carriage shortly after midnight, saying that he was going to visit a sister who was seriously ill. Mr. Ashton returned to the house and was informed that Emily could not be found. Then the horrible suspicion took possession of him that his coachman and daughter had eloped. A visit to her room furnished proof of his erring daughter's flight. To her father she told her love for Thompson, her effort to conquer the feeling and her finally yielding to a passion which she acknowledged could bring nothing but disgrace upon herself and family. Mr. Ashton, with a number of friends, started in pursuit of the fleeing couple, but could find no trace of them. Miss Ashton is 22 years old and very pretty. Thompson is described as an intelligent negro, but very uncouth. He has a wife and four children.

Tackled Tartars.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 31.—About 10 o'clock yesterday morning when the train on the Big Four stopped at Addyston, where the extensive iron works of the Addyston company are located, a few miles from Cincinnati, the paymaster of the company alighted, carrying a satchel with money for the payment of the men. Its value is variously estimated from $11,000 to $20,000. Along with him was the superintendent of the works and an assistant. Hardly had they started toward the works when a desperado appeared with a drawn revolver, and bandit-like, demanded the money. Mr. Burns, the paymaster, and his companions were luckily not without means of defense, and for an answer they quickly drew their weapons. The robber discharged his weapon and instantly started to run, spurred on by the rapidly discharging revolvers in his rear. He succeeded in getting away, though it was thought that he carried a wound with him. The melee so confused the engineer that he started his engine and soon crashed into some freight cars on a siding, damaging the cars and the engine. The thief has not yet been caught.

A Fiendish Crime.

MARIELINE, Mo., Aug. 30.—Last Thursday a man named James Long and his wife, Elizabeth, who live about six miles from this city, were arrested for a most fiendish crime, that of murdering their own children. In the preliminary trial yesterday it was proven and admitted by the woman that she had a child born to her about a year ago, and when it was two weeks old she killed it. Some three weeks since another was born and she also killed it when it was four days old, using the same method to kill both, which was by pressing her thumb into the navel, causing death from the continuous pressure. The husband charges the mother-in-law with being the instigator of the crime, the wife being simple. The strangest part of the affair is that a number of people knew when the first child was murdered, but kept quiet until the second child was killed. Then the father-in-law, R. B. Compton, filed information and had his son-in-law and wife arrested. The mother of the children has some land in her own right and the theory was that the children were murdered to prevent their heirship in the property.

His Throat Cut from Ear to Ear.

HIGGINSVILLE, Mo., Aug. 30.—A horrible murder occurred here yesterday evening that will probably result in the lynching of the murderer. S. A. Higgins, aged 80; a member of the family after which the town was named, was stabbed to death by Wm. Feltz. Mr. Higgins was gate-keeper at the fair yesterday and had some words with Feltz, who was a driver for Dooley & Son's livery stable, and Higgins had Feltz ejected from the grounds. In the evening Feltz went to Higgins' boarding house and renewed the quarrel with Higgins. During the affray that followed Feltz used a knife and stabbed Higgins four times in the breast. After the latter had fallen to the ground mortally wounded Feltz completed the butchery by cutting his victim's throat from ear to ear. He then escaped.

Missouri's Broken-Necked Man.

SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 2.—F. J. Woodward, a former railroad conductor, who had his neck broken in a Texas wreck July 10, 1889, arrived here a few days ago on his way to St. Louis. As far as known he is the second man who ever lived after having had his neck broken. He was bedridden six months after the accident and never put foot on a train from the time he was hurt until he started on his present trip from Denison. He wears a brace or cage to keep his head in position, as without it his head would fall on either his breast or his shoulder. His general health is good.

Whisky's Woful Work.

SAN ANDREAS, Cal., Sept. 2.—A horrible tragedy occurred at West Point, a mining town in Calaveras county, Friday night, in which a man named Gallagher shot his wife fatally and killed his son, aged about 10 years, and then committed suicide. Whisky is the alleged cause.

Instantly Killed.

HERNANDO, Miss., Aug. 30.—C. R. Boyce, a prominent young attorney, was shot and instantly killed by H. R. C. Foster at this place yesterday morning. The cause alleged was Boyce's supposed intimacy with Mrs. Foster.

She Skipped With a Coon.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Two men recently passed through this city on their way to Worcester, Mass., each bent on a mission of violence. They were George H. Bascomb and his son, Edward, who live in the vicinity of Richmond, Va. They were in pursuit of Bascomb's daughter, who had eloped with a negro. Miss Minnie Bascomb has for three years been a local belle, moving in the best society. A handsome brunette of 20, tall, graceful, well educated and refined, she was surrounded by a host of admirers and suitors. To all suitors she has turned a deaf ear, preferring to remain at home, as she said. About six months ago she apparently relented in her determination and her engagement was announced to a young lawyer in Petersburg. About twelve years ago a mulatto named Henry Strange was employed by Mr. Bascomb as driver and general utility man about the house and garden. In this way he became acquainted with the handsome belle, who fell in love with him. They had many opportunities for meeting, and no one suspected the intimacy existing between them. A little over a month ago Miss Bascomb came north to visit a former schoolmate, a Miss Erme Rite, living in Newark. She made frequent visits to New York. A week ago she left for home. She did not reach there. The discovery of a letter left in her room caused the first suspicion in the minds of her friends. It read: "My own darling, meet me Monday night at the Grand Central depot; everything is all right; we can be married here before leaving. Yours devotedly, Henry." The letter was forwarded to Mr. Bascomb and reached him at the same time as one from his daughter, dated Worcester, Mass., Aug. 19, reading:

"Dear papa and mamma: I hope you will forgive me for what I have done. I love you all, but I love Henry more and cannot give him up. I am married to him and will stick to him always. He is as good as he can be. Ask John (her betrothed) to forgive me, but I never loved him. I know what I've done and what you will say, but I could not help it. Your affectionate daughter,

MINNIE."

Enclosed in the letter was the marriage notice, probably from a Worcester paper, announcing that she and strange married in New York, Aug. 18. The receipt of this letter completely prostrated Mrs. Bascomb, while the father and brother of the girl decided to follow the runaways, but more for vengeance on her husband than for love of Minnie. "We may not find him now," said young Bascomb, "but I will not return to my home while he lives. I do not care for my sister. She has disgraced her family and broken her mother's heart. I will wipe out the disgrace by killing Strange if I swing for it. My father claims the privilege of the first shot. He shall have it, but if he misses I will not.

Fatal Leap.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 28.—Among the passengers on an early express train from this city for New York yesterday morning was a well dressed old man who was accompanied by a little girl. Just before the train reached Holmesburg, a way station about ten miles from this city, the old gentleman, arising from his seat, went forward and, opening the door and stepping to the platform, although the train was running at a high rate of speed, he jumped off. The little girl, who had been watching saw him jump, and before the passengers realized what she intended to do she had run to the front end of the car and sprang after him. The train was stopped and backed to the spot where the two had jumped off. The old man was found lying beside the track dead, and the girl was stretched insensible a short distance from his body. The body of the man and little girl were placed upon the train and brought to this city and both were taken to a hospital. When she recovered consciousness she said the old man was her father, and that his name was Stephen Beck, and that her name was Lela Beck, and that they lived in St. Clair county, Ill., and were bound for Hamburg, Germany. On the body of Mr. Beck were found two checks of a St. Louis bank for 12,000 marks and $85 in money. The child died soon in the afternoon.

Cruelty Most Revolting.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 30.—Dr. Henry M. Wetherell, secretary of the state committee on lunacy of the board of public charities, has just returned from a visit to the western part of the state, during which, near Franklin, Verango county, he discovered a revolting case of cruel treatment by a father of his crazy son. He found a haggard, emaciated, pale-faced man, with thin beard and long hair, covered by a grimy remnant of a woman's calico skirt, in the house of a farmer named Young. Fastened about his throat next to the skin was a thick leather belt, to which was attached a strong iron chain several feet long, held by a staple driven in the window casing. The unfortunate was George Young, 28 years old. Beneath the window was a hard wooden settee, his bed, and the floor was worn in a grove, about which the poor fellow has daily walked since his 12th year. When two years old he was attacked with acute pneumonia and his mind became hopelessly shattered. The unfortunate man was taken in charge by the authorities.

Instantly Killed.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 1.—Rinehardt Schneider, Patrick Dooley and Michael Daly, the first two employes of a brewery and the last named the foreman of the National carbon works were instantly killed about 7 o'clock yesterday evening by a Lake Shore express. The three men were crossing the track on a beer wagon when the train, which was running about thirty miles an hour, struck them.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.	
COTTON—Middling	$ 11
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 04½
CORN—No. 2	43½
ST. LOUIS.	
COTTON—Middling	10½
WHEAT—No. 2 red	99
CORN—No. 2	43¼
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Shipping	3 12½
HOGS—Good to choice	4 30
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 20
WHEAT—No. 2	1 08½
CORN—No. 2	49
PORK—New mess	11 10
BACON—Clear rib	5 62½
LARD—Prime steam	5 20
KANSAS CITY.	
CATTLE—Shipping steers	4 65
HOGS—Salesat	4 17½
WHEAT—No. 2	15
CORN—No. 2	41½
NEW ORLEANS.	
COTTON—Middling	10¼
GALVESTON.	
COTTON—Middling	10
DALLAS.	
Cattle—Common to fair steers	1 75
Hogs—Choice	3 60
Sheep—Choice	3 60

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Commerce is to have an $800 depot.

Terrell will soon show up with electric lights.

The two new gins at Coleman are now completed.

Memphis will erect a new school building and a church.

The population of Bell county is reported to be 35,000.

Work on the Wichita Valley railroad is progressing rapidly.

Jacob Killeen of McGregor fell from a hack, sustaining fatal injuries.

Iredell is being treated to a glorious revival of the faith.

The Methodist church at Mesquite is nearing completion.

The Belton compress will begin work in about thirty days.

A new and elegant stone hotel is being erected at Childress.

The tide of immigration is still pouring into Childress county.

Taylor county has been visited by daily rains for more than a week.

Up to the 23d inst. 1500 bales of cotton were received at Hallettsville.

The $65,000 compress at Taylor is now complete and ready for business.

J. M. Stubblefield, city marshal, shot and killed Charles Hunt at Keren.

The first fall clip of wool was received at San Angelo on the 22d of August.

The corner stone of the public school building has been laid at Goldthwaite.

Several new mercantile establishments will soon open up business at Childress.

Material for the waterworks at Frost has been received and work commenced.

A contract has been closed at Belton for the boring of a ten-inch artesian well.

The corner stone of the new public school building at Vernon has been laid.

Harvey McGregor was struck by a passenger train at Cameron and badly hurt.

New sweet potatoes are on the market at Marshall and are selling at 30 cents per peck.

The Lancaster Rolling Mill company, with a capital of $20,000, has been chartered.

The brick work on the mammoth double business building at Sherman is now completed.

The block which was destroyed by fire at Pottsboro some time ago is fast being rebuilt.

There is good prospect of Gonzales having a new stone opera house in the near future.

It is estimated that 25,000 bales of cotton will be shipped from Taylor this season.

A delegate to the Baptist association at Terrell was relieved of his pants and $26 in cash.

Harry Nardly, who had been on a spree for several days, fell dead at his home in Galveston.

A national bank with $150,000 capital will commence operations at Childress September 1.

The new roller flouring mill at Quanah will be completed and put in operation in about six weeks.

A fire at Big Springs, originating from a lamp explosion, destroyed an entire block of buildings.

The increase of taxable values of Kendall county is over $40,000, mostly in newly opened farms.

The Maverick county officials have taken measures to erect a commodious hospital at Eagle Pass.

Two thousand and nineteen engines were handled at the Taylor roundhouse during the past month.

The cotton crop of Tarrant county is estimated by well informed farmers to be not more than a fourth of a bale to the acre.

The new courthouse at Childress, which is said to be one of the finest buildings in west Texas, will be completed January 1, 1891.

Hardeman and Greer counties are preparing a fine exhibit for the Dallas fair and will make a strong pull for first place.

A young man named Pittman got caught in a gin at Belton and had four fingers torn from his right hand and his arm broken.

Charles Williams, a restaurant waiter, has been jailed at San Antonio, charged with having criminally assaulted Miss Mary Mehr.

J. D. Badgett, a highly respected citizen of Jefferson, was caught by falling lumber at a saw mill in that city and badly crushed.

A large number of men and teams are engaged in building a turnpike wagon road across the Pawpaw creek and hills east of Denison.

The Santa Fe pumphouse and machinery, which supplied the roundhouse and machine shops at Goldthwaite, has been destroyed by fire.

A man named Cash, employed in a gin at Shiner, had the misfortune to catch his arm in the gin saws and that member was horribly mangled.

Billy Ross, engineer of the steam shovel engine at the Pittsburg gravel pit, got his leg cut off while attempting to board a train at that place.

Work was stopped on the artesian well at Taylor on account of the unfortunate breaking of the cable, leaving the drill at the bottom of the well.

Goff Brown, a 16-year-old boy of Denton, had his leg broken and was otherwise badly injured by his horse running against a tree with him.

A new steamship line between Galveston and Liverpool has been founded. The line consists of fourteen steamers, of an average of 2000 tons each.

C. E. Leroy, a brakeman, was caught between the cars while making a coupling at McGregor, sustaining injuries from which he will probably die.

The Christian church at Bear Bayou, Shelby county, will be ready for occupation in a few days. Work on the new school building has also begun.

It is expected that work will begin at Wichita Falls on the Rock Island road in a short time and pushed to meet the forces coming south through the Indian territory.

Ira P. Wetmore, who has been at San Angelo for several days gathering products from the Concho country, has left with his special exhibit car for Des Moines, Ia.

Some drunken Mexican soldiers came into collision with the police at Eagle Pass, which resulted in the death of Tomacio Davilla, a peaceable citizen who had taken no part in the melee.

In a fight between W. H. Simms and A. T. Wilson at McKinney Simms knocked the latter down, whereupon Wilson shot at his antagonist, but without effect.

Goliad county has been visited by a fine rain. Cotton was beginning to suffer, but this will insure the large yield which was expected at the beginning of the season.

Bill Lowe, about 13 years old, shot Barney Snedeker, aged 10, through the left wrist with a target gun at Big Springs. Bill said he did not know the gun was loaded.

Mack Lawrence, colored, pushed Ed. Sullivan, a white man, off the sidewalk at Navasota, whereupon Sullivan slashed the negro into strips with a pocket knife, killing him.

Frank Sheppard of Houston has been adjudged insane. He was seized with the idea that he was specially commissioned to work some great religious purification and reform.

It is reported from San Saba that prospectors were never more numerous in the history of that section. Their camps and wagons are to be seen at all times and in all directions.

Ground has been broken at Quanah for the foundation of a $35,000 hotel. It is said it will be a model of beauty, elegance and convenience and "will fill a long-felt want."

All of the officers and committees for the county fair at Uvalde have been appointed and the construction of buildings will begin immediately. The date of opening is Nov. 7.

Geo. B. Crawford, Warren Stafford and H. D. Parsons engaged in a small riot at Columbus, in which Stafford was cut with a knife and Crawford was badly used up with an axe handle.

Ella, the little daughter of W. S. Greer of Dallas, while playing, climbed on top of an out building in the yard, from which she fell, inflicting a painful though not serious wound on her head.

John Youngmay, a market gardener, was struck at San Antonio by a switch engine on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway. He was instantly killed and his wagon smashed to splinters.

A rattlesnake was killed near Dallas which measured five feet in length, five inches around the body at the largest part, weighed six pounds and was the possessor of nine rattles and a button.

Jose Maria Marquez of El Paso shot and fatally wounded Simon Pierro in a fight over a woman. Both men were in love with a dark-eyed senorita, and she led each to believe he was the favorite.

A rather serious cutting affray occurred at Whitesboro between two citizens by the names of Richarson and Thomas, in which Thomas was pretty badly used up, being cut across the arm and once in the side, but not fatally.

Jonathan Miles, one of the wealthiest citizens of Tom Green county, was seriously hurt recently by being thrown from his buggy. He was dragged a considerable distance, resulting in his arm being broken near the shoulder.

With seventeen brick buildings contracted for and in course of completion, and thirty-six residences costing from $1800 to $8000, and all in the last five months, Waxahachie feels that it is coming to the front as a typical Texas city.

Louis H. Butler has been arrested at Corpus Christi and taken to St. Paul, Neb., on a charge of having obtained $60,000 under false pretenses. His whereabouts was discovered through the pension office at Washington, he being on the pension roll.

Joe Suitz, living with the family of Mr. Hogg, ten miles south of Claude, procured a hack, took Mr. Hogg's 13-year-old daughter, together with everything belonging to himself and the girl, and eloped with her during the absence of the family.

A fight occurred between cattlemen at Hueco Tank, about eighty miles from El Paso, during which Calhoun Davis and two others were killed. The men who did the killing are from the lower Pecos valley. Davis is well known among cattlemen of the state.

At the depth of 1915 feet a vein of pure freestone water was struck in the artesian well at the lunatic asylum at Austin, which it is claimed will furnish 260,000 gallons per day. This will provide ample water for the institution, though the pressure required must be by steam.

A young son of Dr. D. N. Lee was overcome by damp while working in a well at Leonard. His father went down and put the boy in a box, but after he had been drawn up about eighty feet he fell back again unconscious. About this time assistance arrived and both parties were rescued. They will probably recover.

The King Iron bridge company, which built the large iron bridge across Red river at Jefferson, and the commissioners' court, have at last come to an amicable settlement of the differences concerning the alleged defects of the bridge. The county has now received the structure and it will be ready for crossing at an early day.

Col. Gorman, colored, was shot full of holes at Beeville by unknown parties. The presumptuous scoundrel wrote a letter to the wife of a German who keeps a bakery at that place asking for a meeting. The letter was answered and at the hour named Gorman was shot to death. About a dozen shots were fired and his body was riddled with bullets.

While Rand Riley, Shorty Gillett and others were making Rome howl at Cleburne, Riley and Gillett got into a drunken row. Riley made a knife play, when Gillett pulled a pistol and fired five shots, two of them penetrating Riley's body and the other three imbedding themselves in the wall. Riley's wounds are not thought to be fatal.

Will Trout, a farmer living near Begota, while out hunting, saw a snake in the road and struck it with the breech of his gun. The gun went off and severed the main artery in his leg. Trout called for help, but not being able to make any one hear, bandaged his leg with part of his clothing and using the gun for a crutch, started for home. He was found on the road by a neighbor and taken home, but lived only a few hours.

A fatal shooting scrape occurred a few days ago at Little River between A. O. Yeager and J. W. Huddleston. Yeager accused Huddleston of misrepresenting him in some business matters and called on him to explain. Some hard words passed and both commenced to fire. Yeager was shot in the face and left eye with a shotgun, while Huddleston was shot in the bowels, left thigh and left arm with a revolver, from which wounds he died.

Max Stein, a prominent and respected citizen of Edinburg and county judge of Hidalgo county, was shot and killed in cold blood by a woman, wife of H. T. McCabe, ex-county judge of Hidalgo county, while strolling around the plaza in company with his wife at Reynosa, Mex., where the annual fair of that locality was being held. No other cause is assigned for the assassination than that bad blood has existed between the members of the two families, growing out of political troubles.

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EDITORIALS.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 4, 1890

Show your independence.

In politics be a gentleman.

It makes one "tired" to notice the pride of some men.

The poor is always at the mercy of avarice and greed.

An organization when it becomes corrupt needs censuring.

Collin county will likely vote for Hogg, Bailey and hominy.

"Help for the living and hope for the dead" is the generous sentiment of a loving heart.

We received a copy of the Independent this week, a neat and newsy paper printed at Bowie, Texas.

Gentlemen, if you want to keep up with the procession, be independent. It won't hurt you. In fact, it makes a fellow feel good.

Labor organizations are in existence everywhere. This would not be so if it were not for the trailing of the flag of justice.

It is suggested by a humorous exchange that the farmers will get their Hogg, but will have to rustle for their hominy "just the same." It might be suggested that the procuring of the former will make the latter more easily obtained.

GUTHRIE, I. T., Aug. 29.—N. A. Daniels, who was elected speaker of the lower house yesterday, was overcome by the heat and excitement to-day at 1 o'clock and fell on the street. At the writing he is not able to recognize any one. Later—He died.

The sixth plank in the Alliance platform say:

That we recommend to the twenty-second legislature the establishment of factories within the walls of our penitentiaries for the purpose of manufacturing cotton or other bagging to wrap the cotton crop of this state, and thereby protect our farmers from the oppression of destructive monopolies.

It is right, and should have the serious consideration of the next legislature.—Sulphur Springs Enterprise.

Governor Francis of Missouri will in person open the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition of 1890, while Governor Bob Taylor will, on Tennessee Day, take charge of the proceedings. This makes five governors of states who have, up to date, promised attendance and among the list of other notable personages who will be present may be noticed the names of Ex-President Cleveland, J. C. Inman, Ex-Mayor Hewitt of New York, and Jay Gould. Most of the distinguished visitors will deliver public addresses.

"Ah, There."

An independent's claining to be a democrat is like unto the fellow belonging to the church who sears, dances, etc., yet lays claim to Christianity. Neither of these fellows practice what they preach, and are not democrats or Christians, notwithstanding they say they are.—Examiner.

The bosses of Collin county who claim to be good democrats are like unto the fellows who went into the house of the Lord in the long ago and made a gambling hell of it until Christ, with a spirit of independence, proceeded to route the den of thieves in a most vigorous and effective manner. "Don't you see?"

Can we be independent?

All of individual independence in this world could go inside the carcass of the smallest atom that floats in the air. There is no such thing as absolute independence. We may go into the forest or the field and we there find the birds and the creepers depending upon the color of the leaves and grass for protection from their common foes. Every flower and every blossom have to look to the passing clouds and the wandering sunbeams for existence. Every material thing depends on something else for life. Then is it not a false claim when men say they are independent in politics? Such a claim is the merest bug dust.—Examiner.

When we read the above a feeling of sympathy takes the place of indignation. Oh, how sad it is to notice the spirit of independence, that usually controls the average quill driver, sink into utter insignificance to such an extent that it can "go inside the carcass of the smallest atom that floats in the air!"

Is it possible that a political organization controlled by unscrupulous politicians has knocked the individual independence of our worthy contemporary into a nonentity?

Can it be the grand true blue doctrine that permeated the politcal atmosphere in 1887 has been laid aside for a season? We appeal to the magnaminity of the bosses (if they have any) to infuse one tiny drop of independence into the system of our brother. Let him feel for one brief moment its exhilarating influence—that even a simon pure democrat can exercise more independence than the "brids and creepers" of the forest and fields. That he may be taught that the Jeffersonian idea of independence is not "the merest bug-dust."

We are not ignorant of the fact that "every flower and every blossom have to look to the passing clouds and the wandering sunbeams for existence."

Neither are we ignorant of the fact that we are entitled to the crown of independence. And to obtain and hold it we must look to the gentle showers of reform and the wandering sunbeams of justice. Once subservient to party cliques and rings, we are dependent upon them as much so as the "birds and creepers" are dependent "upon the color of the leaves and the grass," contrary to the great original declaration of holy writ contained in the 1st chap and 26 verse of Genesis that man is to "have dominion over the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

True independence does not shield a political crime but repels wrong wherever found. It walks upright through the majestic forest and the beautiful flowers of the fields—paying homage to nothing but virtue. Be independent. It won't hurt you.

A Gigantic Struggle.

We find the following eloquent and truthful words in the late address of Master Workmen T. V. Powderly of the K. of L.

The struggle is far more momentous than it was during the American Revolution. Then our fathers fought for liberty, now we are fighting to maintain it. Then the enemy was 3000 miles away. To day he is entrenched in our dominion. He has his fingers around our legislatures. He stands at the door of congress to bar out legislation in the interests of the masses. He presumes to dictate to the executive of the nation. He attempts to strangle and corrupt the judiciary, and he does all of these by no shadow of divine right, but by the power of money wrung from the bending back of the railway laborer; wrung from the mortgages on farmers of the land; wrung from the very business interests of the best and noblest of the nation's poor.

It is against such a power as this, a power that cares for no right but his own, that we struggle, and whether we win or lose in the present, our battle will now go on until the power is weakened forever or the public is "damned." Question the opportuneness of the battle if you will, but its justice cannot but be apparent to every disinterested person. It is no because a few cents more a day or some paltry concessions to the men require that this strike was precipitated. Its origin lies way beyond these considerations. The real animus lies in the fact that our order has been struggling with the question which concern the control of trusts, corporations and syndicates by the government of the people. The allied forces of the Knights of Labor and the Farmers' Alliance are marching on to Washington to secure legislation favorable to the whole people. They are going there to secure the repeal of certain unjust laws which stand in the way of progress and which antagonize justice. It is the hope of turning our attention away from these matters that the warfare is made a part of the allied forces. It is to weaken us when we can do the worst harm and the country the greatest amount of good that these annoyances are visited upon us.

Al Hayne.

YE MEN AND WOMEN OF TEXAS, WHAT THINK YE OF HIS MARTYRDOM—DO THE PEOPLE HALT.

Crockett, Tex., July 12, 1890.—I come to offer a word of tribute, simple and unadorned, to the memory of him who but a few short weeks ago, stood forth among his fellows, clothed in the full majesty of manhood, but who, amid blazing rafters and the wail of a multitude, laid down his life, a voluntary offering upon the holy altar of humanity. "See what a Roman can do when it is for Rome." These were the words of Sævola while holding his good right arm amid flames until it withered from his body. The world with wonder beheld the scene, and gladly transmitted to an hundred generations of men this marked example of intrepidity, patriotism and love. But here was one who, for the love he bore his fellowmen, strangers though to him they may have been, offered up his life a sacrifice, and hailed as a pleasant guest the presence of death, that others might be spared the doom that gathered fast about that awful hour. To the memory of such a man it is proposed to erect a monument. A bare suggestion should suffice, and yet the people halt and hesitate to manifest in enduring mold the inward thought that lies engrafted in the heart.

Without a wife, through stifling smoke and thundering flame he became the savior of the wives of others. Without a child, through a cyclone of fire he fought his dauntless way, and amid a scene made weird by falling timbers and the dispairing wail, he swept on and on to a death as swift as the eagle's flight and as sure as the annals of eternity, that in that awful midnight hour the children of other men might be spared to gladden other hearts and illumine other homes.

From the wood bring the trailing vine: from the stream bring the rosiest shell that oceans bear: from the home and from the field bring the rarest of all bud and bloom to adorn his grave, and on that hallowed spot a monument erect that in tender statelines shall guard his speechless dust. Within the flim and shadowy outline of the future I can catch no fairer, tender view than she who wends her noiseless way at eventide and pointing out his peaceful sleep to her trusting, loving child tells the story of his martyrdom. Hail and farewell.—L. N. C., in Fort Worth Gazette.

Forgiveness.

There is, perhaps, no quality of more beautiful importance in the foundation of a true and spotless character, and none more pleasing to the human heart, than the spirit of forgiveness. Dating its birth far back into the mystic ages of antiquity, it has marched on with a steady motion, and is, to day, the same as of old, a thing of beauty and power. The beauty of its nature is visibly portrayed among the youth as among the old—perhaps to a greater extent, a child in a fit of anger, may deal his companion a smart blow, and, when the fever of wrath is dispelled, may feel sorry for the deed, and asked to be forgiven. Then what a lovely sight to see the injured one, with a smile more akin to heavenly, take the repentant by the hand, and, in earnestness and truth, say, "I forgive you."—Ex.

Pears in Texas.

Many thousand pear trees will bear their first fruit this season. The trees, though young, are doing well. The fruit, foliage and growth are healthy on nearly all varieties.

Those who have planted good varieties and who have given them moderately good attention are reaping a rich reward. The pear promises the most profitable returns of all fruits.

People hesitate to plant pears because they must "wait too long for fruit." This is not a good reason from the fact they must wait any way, and again, if they plant they will have something to pay them for waiting.

This is an off year in fruit, yet those who have planted pears wisely and well are selling their fruit at $500 to $600 per acre.

If one acre in every hundred acres of Texas soil was planted in pears and made only $100 per acre it would amount to more than all the farm crops of the state combined and the labor would be less than half.

In fact when the horticultural resources of Texas are developed its annual income will be many times greater than it is now.

Any good cotton-producing soil will suit for pears or apples. The aspect should be such as will drain well. All pears do well in deep clay subsoil, and if permanent water found at 10, 20 or 30 feet so much the better. Of course where cotton blights none of the Pyrus family should be planted.

In choosing varieties I would recommend Kiefer for all parts of the state. The Leconte is a very valuable early pear near the coast, and over a belt of about 100 miles in width. The Duchess is a valuable pear for all locations. The Bartlett is doing well in many places. The Louise is a good pear for Texas. The Garber, Early Harvest, Howell and others are winning great fame.

The pear should be set deep, say three or four inches below the graft so that they may throw out roots above the graft and thus free themselves from any incumbrance from foreign stock. The top should be cut back so as to form a low head.

The soil should be well prepared by deep breaking and harrowing; and the trees should be well cultivated for three or four years, and then kept in grass, say mesquite grass. One-third of the new wood may be cut off for two or three years.

By all means give the young trees good protection and good cultivation.

A good pear tree, if cared for, will pay interest on ten to twenty dollars, and some trees less than ten years old are now paying ten per cent on fifty dollars, and almost without work after the fourth year.

During the first few years cotton or vegetables can be raised between the rows and thus reduce the expense of cultivation to a small amount. The trees may be planted about fifteen or twenty feet apart, and in case of crowding they can be thinned.

Good vigorous pear trees can be bought rom several responsible nurserymen in Texas at twenty to twenty-five dollars per hundred,

If you are not able to buy trees then get a good stock of cuttings in the fall or winter. If you are near the coast, make your scions about fifteen inches long, sharpen the lower end with a slope three or four inches. Make your land in ridges, like you would for potatoes. Place the cuttings quite close and stick them down firmly. Cultivate carefully and you are apt to grow many nice trees.

If you are a hundred or more miles from the coast, you should, in addition to the sharpened cutting make an upward incision in the cutting three or four inches above the slope and insert a sharpened piece of pear or apple root, wedge-shaped and tied with waxed cotton thread.

If these grafts are hard to set deep in the earth a long coulter will open the soil sufficiently. These piece roots will aid in the cutting and cause a large per cent to grow.

Apples, quince and many other fruits can be propagated the same way.

If the readers of the Texas Farm and Ranch will add to their income the profits of a well kept orchard and garden, they will be more nearly able to keep up with the procession. The family will be more healthy, wealthy and happy. Thus country life can be made more attractive than city life Our ambitious and refined youths will seek country life and love and respect home and parents more, take more pride in their country and thus bless their country and their race, and fulfill the first and most important command of God to man. That is, to "plant a garden, and keep it."—E. W. Kirkpatrick, in Texas Farm and Ranch

Alliance Politics.

No intelligent man will deny the fact that the Alliance is now an important factor in American politics with two million voters educated in the science of economic government and each one of them feeling that it is his bounden duty to get his neighbor to accept and work for the declaration of principles of the Alliance, will so leaven the parties with their wholesome doctrine, that the lawgivers, both North and South, must respect the Alliance demands or retire and give place to men who will. With thirty states organized and each state meeting thus far this year has inaugurated plans looking to active work all along the line. Party bosses will have to re adjust their platforms or be left with a platform and without a party. North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia and Texas have given the classes a hint of what the farmers can and intend to do if their rights are not more respected in the future. If our representatives in congress content themselves with drinking wine and defaming the legislative temple they will soon see the hand-writing on the wall. The party that fails to recognize the Alliance demands can write "Ichabod" across its platform and retire in shame. The farmers have waited long and patiently, have listened to the siren promises of the wily politicians for a quarter of a century and now they propose to sit in judgment, summons their servants before the bar of justice, weigh every act in the scale of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, and woe unto him who is found wanting.—Southern Mercury.

Snap Shots.

The head of the embittered critic is a hollow mockery.

If man could stand on his toes he would be two feet higher.

It is meat that the walking delegate should go.

The demagogues have emptied all the plenty out of cornucopia and are now using it to blow with.

The outlaw is sometimes the hero who, with the aid of his friends, has outlawed justice.

The ox wagon is going out in North Carolina, but the Mormon elder is coming in and the price of tar keeps almost up with feathers.

Public sentiment is almost always against the man who has loaned more money than he can collect.

The hog subsists largely on roots.

Every anchor has its own weigh.

The toper has had his red nose to the grindstone for ten years, yet is larger than ever.

Necessity is the mother of invention, and generally of dishonesty.

Chicago is having a site of trouble.

The man who does his work after lax method lacks method,

The self conceit of the lower animals is said to be something like that of man, from which we infer that the smallest tadpole in the tank fancies himself a whale at sea.

The hardest worked thing in this country is the racket.

Hash is a great mystery, but how so many people get it without paying for it is a greater.

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A correspondent asks what the farmers really and ultimately mean by taking a hand in politics, and wants to know if all this is not simply for the purpose of electing some of their political riders to position in 1892? The answer is plain, simple, and emphatic. The farmers of this country want and intend to have a government that don't collect so much taxes: that the greatest burden of legislation is to get rid of the surplus and prevent accumulation in the treasury. They will never more submit to political riders. They intend not to re-elect men who fail to work for the true interests of the whole country. It would be well for office-holders to cut this out and paste it in their hats.—National Economist.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggerted Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking ten bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottle of this Great Discovery at E. N. McAuley's drug store, large bottles 50c, and $1.00.

Tom Reeves committed suicide a few miles north of Celina in this county several days ago. Reeves was 27 years old and was afflicted with some disease. At the time of his death he was on his way from Sherman to his sister's, Mrs. Doyle, who lives near Celina. He was accompanied by his father and cousin, Mr. Johns. They were traveling in a wagon when about midnight the young man became frantic and unfortunately procured a pistol which was hid in the wagon, with which he shot himself. Dr. Hugh Markham attended the inquest and gave it as his opinion that the shot had only shortened his life a little while.

W. S. Sproles, attorney of Dallas, was in the city this week attending to some busines.

Teacher—"We will now hear the first class in politics. What are politics?"

Pupil—"Politics is the science of seeming to help another to get there, and getting there yourself."

"What is an office?"

"The one thing needful."

"How can an office be secured?"

"By putting yourself in the hands of your friends."

"What do you understand this to mean?"

"Make the office your friend, and keep your hand on the office."

"Should a man seek office?"

"Not if he doesn't want it."

"What is legislature?"

"A place where the corporations purchase their privileges."

"Is this the only business transacted by a legislature?"

"Oh, no; the members go there to get re-elected."

"What is patronage?"

"The corner-stone of government. It is the stone that is given to those who ask for bread."

"What is an election?"

"It is the people's 'amen' to the prayer formulated by the bosses."—Exchange.

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We are authorized to announce the name of P. B. MUSE as a candidate for district judge of the Fifteenth judicial district at the November election

We are authorized to announce J. D WOOD as a candidate for Judge of this the Fifteenth judicial district at the coming November election.

We are authorized to announce R. D. ALLISON as a candidate for re-election to the office of representative to the lower house of the state legislature.

We are authorized to announce ESQ. H. M. ROLLINS of Farmersville as a Candidate for the office of County Judge of Collin county at the coming November election.

We are authorized to announce the name of C. T. WARDEN as a candidate for sheriff of Collin county, election next November.

We are authorized to announce W. H. BRUMMETT as a candidate for Tax Collector of Collin County at the coming November election.

We are authorized to announce M. W. GENTRY as a candidate for assessor of Collin county at the coming November election.

We are authorized to announce W. M. BARRON as a candidate for County Treasurer. election next November.

We are authorized to announce G. W. GUYER as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction for Collin county, election November 4.

We are authorized to announce JOHN T. BOWEN as a candidate for commissioner of precinct No. 2.

We are authorized to announce J. E. BATEMAN as a candidate for Assessor of Collin County at the coming November election.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. T. ANDREWS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce the name of G. H. HERNDON as an independent democratic candidate for constable of precinct No. 1, election next November.

LOCAL NEWS.

Those who are behind with their subscription will please pay us. we are needing money bad.

John Church was in Dallas last Monday.

Don't fail to get Sugar Chill Cure. A sure cure for chills and fever, dumgue, etc. Sold on a guarantee. Children cry for it.

J. T. Teel of Lebanon was in the city this week.

☞Spend your cash with R. M. Board. He will treat you right.

H. C. Thompson of Princeton favored us by renewing for the DEMOCRAT this week.

☞R. M. Board will sell you dry goods of the best quality at the lowest prices.

The first of the month is past and the agony is over—the cruel bill collector has retired for a brief period.

☞Go to R. M. Board to get your fall supply of dry goods.

A. F. Ward of Parker, Texas came in and "tickled" us with some "cash" this week.

Jesse Coffy and John Orenduff of Melissa were in the city last week.

Judge P. B. Muse was in Sherman this week.

☞When you come to McKinney call at R. M. Board's and see his mammoth stock of dry goods.

Willie Thomas has taken charge of the telephone office.

☞Corn and oats taken at the highest market price in exchange for lumber, at Nenney & Pardue's. 37-1y

☞Parties who wish to have goods or stock sold at auction will do well to call on W. C Morgan at the racket store.

A lady, the wife of a prominent merchant in Corsicana, Texas, says: I have been a long sufferer from female diseases, constipation and indigestion, Dr. Thurmonds's Lone Star Blood Syrup cured me."

☞The goods at the Racket store will be sold regardless of cost, for we will close out by the first day of January next.

After many years' suffering with catarrh of the head and kidneys two bottles of Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Catarrh Cure produced most beneficial results REV. WM. J. BASSETT. Gainesville, Texas.

☞Goods will be sold at auction every day at the Racket store in order to close out. Goods will be sold cheap.

Dr. Thurmond's Lone Star Blood Syrup cured me of rheumatism, constipation and indigestion of fifteen years standing. LOUIS LESTERJETT. Dallas, Texas

☞Ladies, if you wish to purchase fine dress goods go to R. M. Board's.

☞Tinware cheapest in town at the Nickel store.

From John Johnson.

MCKINNEY, Sept. 2, 1890.
Editor Democrat:

My old friend Bingham says that I want Capt. Brown of Sherman to fill Reagan's seat when his time is out, and Gov. Hogg to fill Coke's chair when his time expires. He further wants to know what else I want. I will say to my old friend that I have got all I have asked for, that my old platform of 1875 that you helped me fix up and on which I was elected to the constitutional convention, has been adopted in our state convention. Hogg was indorsed by the largest majority for governor that ever has been known to man. Brown was made chairman on platform, Dickson secretary of the convention, and Finley, the so called traitor, anarchist, commune, and democratic disorganizer, was made chairman of the state executive committee. All this was done to prove to the railroad hirelings that their time was out.

Now, Brother Bingham, it has always been a wonder to the McKinney ring who helped me fix up my platform of '75. They declared that I had not sense enough to fix up my platform, as it has become the main part of the state platform. Honor to whom honor is due. You are the man that helped me fix my platform. You stood by me ten years. There never was a man who did better work for his country than you have, against monopolies. Now, captain, you never would have left us if it had not been for the hatred you had against one of our leaders. He is now out of the way and never will be admitted to take a seat with us again. Come home, come home; your seat is ready. We all know you. Your seat is ready. I have too much glory for one man to have, and I want to divide with you, for you helped do the work that placed me there.

JOHN JOHNSON.

$100 Reward. $100

The readers of the DEMOCRAT will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, J. F. CHENEY & CO.
Toledo, Ohio.

☞Sold by druggists, 75c.

J. S. Jenkins, J. B. Green, J. S. Gentle, J. M. Kincaid and Tom Andrews are attending the republican state convention at San Antonio this week.

For many years Mr. B. F. Thompson of Des Moines, Iowa, was severely afflicted with diarrhœa. He says: "At times it was very severe; so much so that I feared it would end my life. About seven years ago I chanced to procure a bottle of Chamberland's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. It gave me prompt relief, and I believe cured me permanently, as I now eat or drink without harm anything I please." I have also used it in my family with the best results. For sale by Bristol Bros.

A very few pointed reasons why Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic will be a great success: It is absolutely free from all deleterious ingredients; as pleasant to the taste as honey; an an absoute and never-failing cure for all malarious complaints. Guaranteed to cure. What more could you ask?

Wanted—To trade a good new road cart, phaeton-bodied and lazy back, for a good young milk cow. Apply at this office.

Summer cometh on apace, and soon will the granger be engaged in his annual struggle with chills and fever. Take time by the forelock and lay in a supply of Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic that your days in the land may be many.

Tom Dies narrowly escaped being shot while handling a pistol, the other day in his store, which he thought was unloaded.

We predict for Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic an unprecedented success. The well known reputation of its manufacturers is, of itself, an ample guarantee of its superior merits.

We learn that at a neighboring school house the other night there were seven candidates and six voters present, but there were no speaking owing to the lack of enthusiasm.

It is too much to have to scratch for a living and for relief also. Hunt's Cure will not help you in the former case, but will surely cure the itch or it costs you nothing.

Real Estate Transfers.

Mary M. Lee to DeArmond & Church, one quarter undivided interest in 180 acres, A. Atterberry survey, consideration, legal service.

T. A. James and wife to A. V. Watkins, 29 95-100 acres, the S. M. Raines survey; consideration $900.

Chas. Dillingham to Schuchls and Chas. Kurtz, lots Nos. 1, 2, 3 block No. 7, railroad addition to city of McKinney; consideration $750.

H. & T. C. R. R. Co. to Chas. Kurtz and J. Schuchle, lots 4 and 5 Block No. 7, railroad addition to city of McKinney; consideration $500.

Chas. Kurtz and J. Schuchle to McKinney Electric Light, lots 4 and 5 block No. 7, rail road addition to city of McKinney; consideration $500.

J. S. Rike and wife to I. D. Fowler, one acre in W. B Williams survey; consideration $400.

Albert Hope to James M. Jennings, seven acres in Jno. Davis survey; consideration $42.

P. L. Phillips to H. J. Watkins, 40 acres Joseph Nail survey; consideration, other land.

T. P. Yeager, administrator, to H J. Watkins, 20 acres S. M. Raines survey; consideration, $130.

Almorine Wilson and wife to B and A. A. Gearhart, 42 12-100 acres David Cherry survey; consideration, $875.

L. W. Earley and wife to J. A. & M. F. Hamers, 37 acres, E. B. Reed survey; consideration, $681.

J. A. Hamer and wife to M. J. Winstock, 37 acres, E. B. Reed survey; consideration, $681.

C. C. Hutcherson to Peter F. Hutcherson, 22 87-100 acres, F. D. Gary survey; consideration $460.

L. W. Hutcherson to Peter F. Hutcherson, 22 87-100 acres, F. D. Gary survey; consideration; $458.

G. R. Smith and wife, to M. C. Rogers, one lot in city of McKinney; consideration, $400.

J. P. Houser and wife to J. A. Houser, — acres, Jno. Lee Wright survey and other surveys; consideration, $1500.

G. W. Kenady and wife to John McCoy, 60 9-10 acres, Hearn survey; consideration, $1800.

Mrs. S. E. McCreary to J. F. and W. H. McCreary, 90 acres, R. Sparks survey; consideration, $800 and other considerations.

T. J. & L. E. White to J. S. Burch, 19 3-4 acres, Ben White survey; consideration, $160,

L. C. Robertson and wife to Jas. J. Rogers, lot on north line of Coleman addition to city of of McKinney, consideration, $1000.

L. C. Robertson and wif to M. A. Rogers, blocks Nos. 10 and 23 in Coleman addition to city of McKinney; consideration, $1970.

J. L. White et al to L. C. Robertson, lot on north line of Coleman addition to city of McKinney; consideration, $1000.

Frank Matthews attended an exhibition at Bethany last night.

☞Notions of all kinds cheap at the Nickel store.

The Morrow block will now take a rest. The doctor has gone.

☞Gents' half hose 10cts at the Nickel store.

The man with the monkey entertained our citizens a few days this week.

☞Ladies' hose 10cts at the the Nickel store.

Sam Stockard has improved in health and is back at his old stand at Nale & Dies'.

☞Glassware of every description for sale cheap at the Nickel store.

☞Watches, clocks and jewelry very cheap at Henry Taylor's on the east side of the square.

Fine Dentistry Fine.

Dr. E. C. Chambers of Dallas will be in McKinney Sept. 8, and stay three weeks. Single set of teeth $6.00, gold fillings $1.00, gold and porcelain crowns $2.50 to $5.00. Other work in proportion, and all guaranteed.

Eight Long Weeks

Was the time spent in the Eastern markets by our Mr. Murphy this summer. The extremely low prices offered and the

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Freight Rates

induced him to buy an unusually large stock in all departments and we want the people to know that the

Mississippi Store

is full from floor to ceiling of these goods. We can afford to offer bargains that cannot be

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Why? Simply because we

Buy for Cash;

SELL FOR CASH,

and do not have to add any extra profit to cover bad debts. We will give you the worth of your money every time. We make no intentional misrepresentations and make good any article that is not as we claim for it. We can save you money on your fall and winter goods and help you to stand the hard times. Come and see us.

Yours, truly,

Murphy, Perry & Co.

Marriage Bells.

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Keen since our last report:

Clinton Randles and M. W. Sons, J. M. Taylor and Mrs. Mary Stringer, J. M. Wilcock and Bettie Winn, J. R. Wren and Mrs. Mary Walters, O. P. Simms and Luzenia C. Pool, W. L. Strange and Lucy F. Cravens.

They make one feel as though life was worth living. Take one of Carter's Little Liver Pills after eating; it will relieve dyspepsia, aid digestion, give tone and vigor to the system.

We regret to learn that Jordan O. Straughan has been very sick this week. His daughter was call by telegraph from Palo Pinto. We learn that he is convalescing.

For Sale.

One fine road cart can be purchased at a bargain by calling at the DEMOCRAT office. The cart has never been used.

For Rent or Sale.

I offer my two-story brick business house either for rent or sale; lower story is being used for millinery business, upper story well arranged for a family, or nice business offices; good water and elevator for convenience of building For terms, apply to

MRS. FANNIE JOHNSON,
McKinney, Collin Co., Tex.

Farm for Sale.

One hundred acres, very good building, good orchard, eighty-five acres in cultivation, situated about eleven miles southwest of McKinney. Will take $2700 dollars on good terms. This is a bargain. Call at once at this office.

Peach Seed Wanted.

Good sound peach seed, new or old, at one dollar per bushel delivered.

E. W. KIRKPATRICK,
McKinney Texas.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: "Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicine combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman of same place, says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine, made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c, a bottle, at E. N. McAuley's drug store.

The meeting at the Christian church still continues with good audiences and fine attention. Subjects of sermons as follows: Thursday—"What Must I Do to Be Saved." Friday—"Confession of Faith." Saturday—"Faith." Sunday 11 a. m.—"Sentiment vs. Principle." Sunday 8 p. m.—"Conversion of Paul." Song service begins at 8 p. m., sermon at 8:20 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruisks, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions and Positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfec tsatfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale By E N McAULAY and Bro

Runaways continue to take place. Hitching racks would avoid this.

Preston's "Hed-Ake"

Judge J. H. McLeary, ex-Att'y Gen'l of Texas and Past Grand Master of Masons, says "It (Hed-Ake) is the best medicine for headache I ever saw." Cures any headache. For sale all druggists, 50c.

Drunkenness—Liquor Habit—In all the World There is But One Cure,

DR. HAINES' GOLDEN SPECIFIC.

It can be given in a cup of tea or coffee without the knowledge of the person taking it, effecting a speedy and permanent cure, whether the patient is a moderate drinker or an alcoholic wreck. Thousands of drunkards have been cured who have taken the Golden Specific in their coffee without their knowledge, and to-day believe they quit drinking of their own free will. No harmful effect results from its administration. Cure guaranteed. Send for circular and full particulars. Address in confidence, GOLDEN SPECIFIC Co., 185 Race street, Cincinnati O

Glen Stiff was in Sherman last Sunday.

Sugar Chill Cure is a sure cure for chills and is as sweet as sugar, guaranteed not to contain poison of any kind. No cure no pay.

McKinney, Tex., Aug. 31.—Receipts of cotton yesterday and Friday averaged 100 bales each day. It now looks as if the bulk of the cotton will be gathered during the month of September

A press at Griffin's gin exploded last evening and two or three of the employes narrowly escaped. Frank Griffin carries a big bump, the result of a knock down by a piece of flying iron.

Capt. W. A. Abbott, who has long been with Messrs. Percival & Hatton, real estate and insurance brokers, Des Moines, Iowa, and is one of the best known and most respected business men in that city, says: "I can testify to the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Having used it in my family for the past eight years, I can safely say it has no equal for either colds or croup. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

Readers, while you are marketing your produce, don't forget the DEMOCRAT, for we certainly need the amount you owe us on subscription and need it bad. Some people forget us because it is such a small matter and they think we can do without it a little while longer. This is a mistake that our readers should avoid. Come up, gentlemen, and help us. Don't put us to the expense of writing to you which we would rather not do.

☞Furniture, stoves, queensware, glass and tinware, pocket and table cutlery, clocks of all kinds and, in fact, we have everything necessary to fit you up complete in housekeeping. Call and see us at Mountcastle's old stand, northeast corner of square.

NALE & DIES.

The straight democratic club met at the court house last Monday night. There was a small attendance, consequently it adjourned without transacting any business. It was also the meeting night for the republican club, which was invited to use the district court room after they adjourned. The republicans met and transacted some miscellaneous business and adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, the 13th of September. The republican club is composed of 80 members.

Preston's "Hed-Ake."

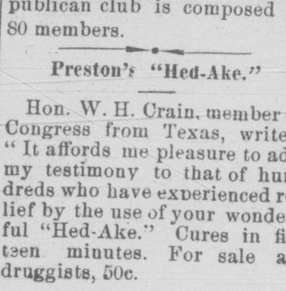
Hon. W. H. Crain, member of Congress from Texas, writes: "It affords me pleasure to add my testimony to that of hundreds who have experienced relief by the use of your wonderful "Hed-Ake." Cures in fifteen minutes. For sale all druggists, 50c.

☞Nale & Dies can and will sell you a complete housekeeping outfit for less money than any other house in North Texas. Give them a call, northeast corner square.

A horse ran away on the square last Monday. It made a circle clear around the square and was stopped on the east side. Slight damage to wagon.

The public school opened up last Monday with an attendance of 380 scholars.

SYRUP of FIGS



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Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and $1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

A Sad Accident.

Isaac Gieren, a boy about 10 years old, was accidentally shot with a pistol last Sunday morning, from the effects of which he died the following Monday morning. Mr. Gieren, the boy's father, lives on Book Wilson's place, about nine miles northwest from McKinney, near Stiff's chapel. At the time of the accident little Isaac was at a neighbor's house, by the name of Farley, playing with the children. A young Farley boy was playing with a pistol not knowing it was loaded. He pointed it toward the children and snapped it at them, when it went off and hit Isaac Gieren, passing through his body, resulting in his death as above stated.

A Cure for Paralysis.

Frank Cornelius of Purcell, Ind. Ter., says: "I induced Mr. Pinson, whose wife had paralysis in the face to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. To their great surprise before the bottle had been used she was a great deal better. Her face had been drawn to one side; but the Pain Balm relieved all pain and soreness, and the mouth assumed its natural shape." It is also a certain cure for rheumatism, lame back, sprains, swellings and lameness. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

The alarm of fire was sounded early last Saturday night in the south part of McKinney. A large excited crowd rushed to the scene, but only found a small negro cabin on fire, which belonged to Mrs. Webb. The fire boys were promptly on hand. The horse belonging to the Hook and Ladder company became very much excited and refused to be hitched up.

Syrup of Figs,

Produced from the laxative and nutritious juice of California figs, combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, acts gently on the kidney, liver and bowels, effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds and headache, and curing habitual constipation.

There were seventy-five pupils in attendance at the opening of the institute last Monday.

More cases of sick headache, biliousness, constipation, can be cured in less time, with less medicine, and for less money, by using Carter's Little Liver pills, than by any other means.

A petition was circulated and numerously signed last week asking for the pardon of John Spencer who is serving out a term in the state penitentiary under the conviction of selling mortgage property.

If you are nervous or dyspeptic try Carter's Little Nerve pills. Dyspepsia makes you nervous, and nervousness makes you dyspeptic; either one renders you miserable, and these little pills cure both.

☞We were shown a curiosity in the way of a snake last Saturday. It was caught by John Jennings a few miles east of McKinney, who having noticed a peculiarity about the snake's head, proceeded to capture the little fellow without injuring it, which he did by getting it into a bottle. Upon the snake's head was a perfect likeness of a man's face. The eyes, nose, chin and other features were plainly visible. We can only leave our readers to conjecture about the probable cause of this phenomena.

Burl Massy fell and sprained his wrist last Friday.

McKinney, Aug. 30.—Sixty-nine immigrants from Tennessee came on one train yesterday morning, all going to settle in Collin. They are the advance of the main body which is coming sbortly. Scarcely a day passes that wagons from the west do not stop in Collin. Lands are advancing in value and the demand for homes is good. Collin has no boom, but her merchants are prosperous, her farmers raise better crops and have more money than any other county in the state, and there are finer horses and prettier women in her borders than anywhere else.

D. J. Hall was elected principal of the colored school by the city council.

The bon ton met last evening in the parlors of McKinney college to welcome Prof. R. K. Moseley and form the acquaintance of his accomplished teachers, Misses Aunspaugh, Morton and Moseley and Mrs. Lathrop. A most enjoyable time was had and everybody was delighted.

W. A. Harleson of Princeton was in the city last Monday.

Jerome Sneed of Princeton was in the city last Monday.

It may be dull times, but McKinney continues to grow.

If men will borrow their reading matter, they certainly show good judgment in selecting the DEMOCRAT.

The first Monday in this month did not bring the usual number of people to town. We suppose the farmers are busy gathering their crops.

☞The Racket store has received their fall stock of goods consisting of dress goods, domestic, hosiery, under clothing, hardware, glassware, tinware, and notions of all kinds, toys and Christmas goods, all of which will be sold unusually low.

S. Weisman, one of our popular merchants has returned to McKinney after a pleasaut jaunt to St. Louis, Chicago, Niagara Falls, Syracuse, New York, Boston and several of the watering places. Mr. Weisman has been gone two months during which time he purchased a large quantity of goods which he proposes to sell cheap.

Last Sunday Joe Sanders, who lives a few miles east of McKinney, noticed that his little boy was unusually fretful. On examination he found blood oozing from a smallhole in the top of his head. He put a little calomel in the place and in a few moments he noticed a screwworm emerging from the hole. He immediately went to work and succeeded in pulling out 26 worms.

W. F. Bennett, the popular attache of S. Weisman's large dry goods establishment has returned after several month's absence. He was sick at Denison for seven weeks, after which he visited Colorado Springs and other points in the mountain regions of Colorado. He was successful in recovering his health and is now ready to wait politely upon his country friends for whose patronage in the past he is thankful and earnestly hopes to merit their favors during the coming fall trade.

PRESTON'S HEDAKE CURES ANY HEADACHE "While You Wait," BUT CURES NOTHING ELSE.

ALVIN LANDS!

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Fine Fruit, Garden, Stock and General

Farming lands in a country never effected by droughs, near excellent market, and at low prices, call on or address G. W. DURANT & CO. Alvin, Tex. Alvin is 24 miles from Houston, 29 miles from Galveston, and 32 miles from the mouth of the Brazos, the future deep water port of Texas. Write to G. W. Durant & Co. for circulars.

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Dr. I. S. Johnson & Co.—Having for more than forty years had the most substantial proof from life-long experience that your Anodyne Liniment is, for more than forty years I have used it in my family, I say (unasked by you) I recommend it. The best and safest remedies that any one can use, internal or external, in all cases it is claimed to relieve pain.
S. H. INGALLS, Dea. at Rockport, Maine.

Every Mother
Should have it in the house.
Sore Throat, Tonsilitis, Colic, Cramps, Diarrhœa and Pains. Delays may cost a life. Relieves pain. Cures Complaints like magic. Price 25cts., 50cts., $1.00. Yes, $2. Express paid. I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass.

GRAND LOTTERY OF JUAREZ.
Under the management of the
Mexican International Banking Co.,
Concessionaries. Incorporated by the State of Chihuahua, Mexico.
For Charitable Purposes.
GRAND MONTHLY DRAWING
will take place to public at the City of Juarez, (formerly Paso del Norte), Mexico,
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1890,
under the personal supervision of Gens. Louis A. Mosny and Mr. Camilo Andrade, the former a gentleman of such prominence in the United States that his presence alone is sufficient guarantee to the Public that the drawings will be conducted with honesty and fairness to all, and the utter impossibility of the slightest attempt at fraud being detected.
CAPITAL PRIZE $60,000.
Only 60,000 Tickets! Only 60,000 Tickets.
Whole Tickets $4. Half Tickets $2. Quarter Tickets $1.
LIST OF PRIZES:

1 Prize of	$60,000 is	$60,000
1 Prize of	10,000 is	10,000
1 Prize of	5,000 is	5,000
8 Prizes of	1,000 each are	8,000
10 Prizes of	200 each are	2,000
50 Prizes of	100 each are	5,000
100 Prizes of	50 each are	5,000
250 Prizes of	20 each are	5,000
Approximation Prizes.		
100 Prizes of	$ 50 each are	$ 5,000
100 Prizes of	30 each are	3,000
100 Prizes of	20 each are	2,000
TERMINAL PRIZES.		
899 Terminals to	$60,000 Prize of $60 each are	$ 53,940
899 Terminals to	$10,000 Prize of $10 each are	8,990
1314 Prizes amounting to		$ 179,930

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Banco Nacional de Mexico, in which the funds are on deposit from the Mexican International Banking Company, for the necessary drawings, is acting as depositary, and the prizes drawn in the Grand Lottery of Juarez.
We further certify that we shall supervise all the arrangements, and in person have full control of all the drawings of the Grand Lottery of Juarez, which is conducted with honesty, fairness, and in good faith towards all parties.
John S. Moody, Cashier Banco Nacional de Mexico.
Gen. Louis A. Mosny, Supervisor for the Mexican International Banking Co.
If any ticket drawing a prize is sent to the undersigned, its face (the ticket) will be forwarded to the owner thereof.
President Banco Nacional de Mexico, El Paso, Tex.
AGENTS WANTED
For club rates, or any other information desired, write to the undersigned, at El Paso, Texas, or in the United States, Country, Street and Number plainly written. Prompt delivery will be assured by registering and addressing as the letter bearing your full address to
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CHAPTER I.

The sun has "dropped down," and the "day is dead." The silence and the calm of coming night are over everything. The shadowy twilight lies softly on sleeping flowers and swaying boughs, on quiet fountains—the marble basins of which gleam snow-white in the uncertain light—on the glimpse of the distant ocean seen through the giant elms. A floating mist hangs in the still warm air, making heaven and earth mingle in one sweet confusion.

The ivy creeping up the ancient walls of the castle is rustling and whispering as the evening breeze sweeps over it. High up the tendrils climb, past mullioned windows and quaint devices, until they reach even to the old tower, and twine lovingly round it, and push through the long apertures in the masonry of the walls of the haunted chamber.

It is here that the shadows cast their heaviest gloom. All this corner of the old tower is wrapped in darkness, as though to obscure the scene of terrible crimes of past centuries.

Ghosts of dead-and-gone lords and ladies seem to peer out mysteriously from the openings of this quaint chamber, wherein no servant, male or female, of the castle has ever yet been known to set foot. It is full of dire horrors to them, and replete with legends of by-gone days and grew some sights ghastly enough to make the stoutest heart quail.

In the days of the Stuarts an old earl had hanged himself in that room, rather than face the world with dishonor attached to his name; and earlier still a beauteous dame, fair but frail, had been incarcerated there, and slowly starved to death by her relentless lord. There was even in the last century a baronet—the earldom has been lost to the Dynecourts during the Commonwealth—who having quarreled with his friend over a reigning belle, had smitten him across the cheek with his glove, and then challenged him to mortal combat. The duel had been fought in the luckless chamber, and had only ended with the death of both combatants; the blood stains upon the flooring were large and deep, and to this day the boards bear silent witness to the sanguinary character of that secret fight.

Just now, standing outside the castle in the warmth and softness of the dying daylight, one can hardly think of by-gone horrors, or aught that is sad and sinful.

There is an air of bustle and expectancy within-doors that betokens coming guests; the servants are moving to and fro noiselessly but busily, and now and then the stately housekeeper passes from room to room uttering commands and injunctions to the maids as she goes. No less occupied and anxious is the butler, as he surveys the work of the footmen. It is so long since the old place has had a resident master, and so much longer still since guests have been invited to it, that the household are more than ordinarily excited at the change now about to take place.

Sir Adrian Dynecourt, after a prolonged tour on the Continent and lingering visits to the East, has at last come home with the avowed intention of becoming a staid country gentleman, and of settling down to the cultivation of turnips, the breeding of prize oxen, and the determination to be the M. F. H. when old Lord Dartree shall have fulfilled his declared intention of retiring in his favor. He is a tall young man, lithe and active. His skin, though naturally fair, is bronzed by foreign travel. His hair is a light brown, cut very close to his head. His eyes are large, clear, and honest, and of a peculiar dark violet; they are beautiful eyes, winning and sweet, and steady in their glance. His mouth, shaded by a drooping fair mustache, is large and firm, yet very prone to laughter.

It is quite the end of the London season, and Sir Adrian has hurried down from town to give directions for the reception of some people whom he had invited to stay with him during the slaughter of the partridges.

Now all is complete, and the last train from London being due half an hour ago Sir Adrian is standing on the steps of his hall-door anxiously awaiting some of his guests.

There is even a touch of genuine impatience in his manner, which could hardly be attributed to the ordinary longing of a young man to see a few of his friends. Sir Adrian's anxiety is open and undisguised, and there is a little frown upon his brow. Presently his face brightens as he hears the roll of carriage-wheels. When the carriage turns the corner of the drive, and the horses are pulled up at the hall door, Sir Adrian sees a fair face at the window that puts to flight all the fears he has been harboring for the last half hour.

"You have come!" he says delightedly, running down the steps and opening the carriage door himself. "I am so glad! I began to think the train ran away from you, or that the horses had bolted."

"Such a journey as it has been!" exclaims a voice not belonging to the face that had looked from the carriage at Sir Adrian. "It has been tiresome to the last degree. I really don't know when I felt so fatigued."

A little woman, small and fair, steps languidly to the ground as she says this, and glances pathetically at her host. She is beautifully "got up," both in dress and complexion, and at a first glance appears almost girlish. Laying her hand in Sir Adrian's she let it rest there, as though glad to be at her journey's end, conveying at the same time by a gentle pressure of her taper fingers the fact that she is even more glad that the end of her journey has brought her to him. She looks up at him with her red lids drooping as if tired, and with a bewildered expression in her pretty blue eyes that adds to the charm of her face.

"It's an awful distance from town," says Sir Adrian, as if apologizing for the spot on which his grand old castle has been built. "And it was more than good of you to come to me. I can only try to make up to you for the discomfort you have experienced to-day by throwing all possible chances of amusement in your way whilst you stay here."

By this time she had withdrawn her hand, and so he is free to go up to his other guest and bid her welcome. He says nothing to her strange to say, but it is his hand that seeks to retain hers this time, and it is his eyes that look longingly into the face before him.

"You are tired, too?" he says at length. "Come into the house and rest awhile before dinner. You will like to go to your room at once—perhaps?" he adds, turning to his two visitors.

"Thank you—yes. If you will have our tea sent up-stairs," replies Mrs. Talbot plaintively, "it will be such a comfort!" she always speaks in a somewhat pouting tone, and with heavy emphasis.

"Tea—nonsense!" responds Sir Adrian. "There's nothing like champagne as a pick-me-up. I'll send you tea also; but, take my advice, and try the champagne."

"Oh, thank you, I shall so much prefer my tea!" Mrs. Talbot declares, with a graceful little shrug of her shoulders, at which her friend Miss Delmaine laughs aloud.

"I accept your advice, Sir Adrian," she says, casting a mischievous glance at him from under her long lashes. "And—yes, Dora will take champagne too—when it comes."

"Naughty girl!" exclaims Mrs. Talbot, with a little flickering smile. Dora Talbot seldom smiles, having learned by experience that her delicate face looks prettier in repose. "Come, then, Sir Adrian," she adds, "let us enter your enchanted castle."

The servants by this time have taken in all their luggage—that is, as much as they have been able to bring in the carriage; and now the two ladies walk up to the steps and enter the hall, their host beside them.

Mrs. Talbot, who has recovered her spirits a little, is chattering gayly, and monopolizing Sir Adrian to the best of her ability, whilst Miss Delmaine is strangely silent, and seems lost in a kind of pleased wonder as she gazes upon all her charming surroundings.

The last rays of light are streaming in through the stained-glass windows, rendering the old hall full of mysterious beauty. The grim warriors in their coats of mail seem, to the entranced gaze of Florence Delmaine, to be making ready to spring from the niches which hold them.

Waking from her dream as she reaches the foot of the stone staircase, she says abruptly, but with a lovely smile playing round her mouth—

"Surely, Sir Adrian, you have a ghost in this beautiful old place, or a secret staircase, or at least a bogy of some sort? Do not spoil the romantic look of it by telling me you have no tale of terror to impart, no history of a ghostly visitant who walks these halls at the dead of night."

"We have no ghost here, I am sorry to say," answers Sir Adrian, laughing. "For the first time I feel distressed and ashamed that it should be so. We can only boast a haunted chamber; but there are certain legends about it, I am proud to say, the bare narration of which would make even the stoutest quail."

"Good gracious—how distinctly unpleasant!" exclaims Mrs. Talbot, with a nervous and very effective shudder.

"How distinctly delicious, you mean!" puts in Miss Delmaine. "Sir Adrian, is this chamber anywhere near where I shall sleep?"

"Oh, no; you need not be afraid of that!" answers Dynecourt hastily.

"I am not afraid," said the girl saucily. "I have all my life been seeking an adventure of some sort. I am tired of my prosaic existence. I want to know what dwellers in the shadowy realms of ghost-land are like."

"Dear Sir Adrian, do urge her not to talk like that; it is positively wicked," pleads Dora Talbot, glancing at him beseechingly.

"Miss Delmaine, you will drive Mrs. Talbot from my house if you persist in your evil courses," says Sir Adrian, laughing again. "Desist, I pray you!"

"Are you afraid, Dora?" asks Florence merrily. "Then keep close to me. I can defy all evil spirits, I have spells and charms."

"You have indeed!" puts in Sir Adrian, in a tone so low that only she can hear it. "And, knowing this, you should be merciful."

Though she cannot hear what he says, yet Mrs. Talbot can see he is addressing Florence, and marks with some uneasiness the glance that passes from his eyes to hers. Breaking quickly into the conversation, she says timidly, laying her hand on her host's arm—

"This shocking room you speak of will not be near mine?"

"In another wing altogether," Sir Adrian replies reassuringly. "Indeed it is so far from this part of the castle that one might be safely incarcerated there and slowly starve to death without any one of the household being a bit wiser. It is in the north wing in the old tower, a portion of the building that has not been in use for over fifty years."

"I breathe again," says Dora Talbot affectedly.

"I shall traverse every inch of that old tower—haunted room and all—before I am a week older," declares Florence defiantly. After which she smiles at Adrian again, and follows the maid up the broad staircase to her room.

By the end of the week many other visitors had been made welcome at the castle; but none perhaps gave so much pleasure to the young baronet as Mrs. Talbot and her cousin.

Miss Delmaine, the only daughter and heiress of an Indian nabob, had taken London by storm this past season; and not only the modern Babylon, but the heart of Adrian Dynecourt as well. She had come home to England on the death of her father about two years ago; and, having no nearer relatives alive, had been kindly received by her cousin, the Hon. Mrs. Talbot, who was then living with her husband in a pretty house in Mayfair.

Six months after Florence Delmaine's arrival, George Talbot had succumbed to a virulent fever; and his widow, upon whom a handsome jointure had been settled, when the funeral and the necessary law worries had come to an end, had intimated to her young cousin that she intended to travel for a year upon the Continent, and that she would be glad, that is—with an elaborate sigh—she would be a degree less miserable, if she, Florence would accompany her. This delighted Florence. She was wearied with attendance on the sick, having done most of the nursing of the Hon. George, while his wife lamented and slept; and, beside, she was still sore at heart for the loss of her father. The years abroad passed swiftly; the end of it brought them to Paris once more, where, feeling that her time of mourning might be decently terminated, Mrs. Talbot had discarded her somber robes and put herself into the hands of the most fashionable dressmaker she could find.

Florence, too, discarded mourning for the first time, although her father had been almost two years in his quiet grave amongst the Hills; and, with her cousin, who was now indeed her only friend, if slightly incongenial, decided to return to London forthwith.

It was early in May, and, with a sensation of extreme and most natural pleasure, the girl looked forward to a few months passed amongst the best of those whom she had learned under her cousin's auspices to regard as "society."

Dora Talbot herself was not by any means dead to the thought that it would be to her advantage to introduce into society a girl well-born and possessed of an almost fabulous fortune. Stray crumbs must surely fall to her share in a connection of this kind, and such crumbs she was prepared to gather with a thankful heart.

But unhappily she set her affection upon Sir Adrian Dynecourt, with his grand old castle and his princely rent-roll—a "crumb" the magnitude and worth of which she was not slow to appreciate. At first she had not deemed it possible that Florence would seriously regard a mere baronet as a suitor, when her unbounded wealth would almost entitle her to a duke. But "love," as she discovered later, to her discomfiture, will always "find the way." And one day, quite unexpectedly, it dawned upon her that there might—if circumstances favored them—grow up a feeling between Florence and Sir Adrian that might lead to mutual devotion.

Yet, strong in the belief of her own charms, Mrs. Talbot accepted the invitation given by Sir Adrian, and at the close of the season she and Florence Delmaine find themselves the first of a batch of guests come to spend a month or two at the old castle at Dynecourt.

Mrs. Talbot is still young, and, in her style, very pretty; her eyes are laughing and blue as gentian, her hair a soft nut-brown, her lips perhaps are not altogether faultless, being too fine and too closely drawn, but then her mouth is small. She looks considerable younger than she really is, and does not forget to make the most of this comfortable fact. Indeed, to a casual observer, her cousin looks scarcely her junior.

Miss Delmaine is tall, slender, *poses* more or less, while Mrs. Talbot is prettily rounded, *petite* in every point, and nervously ambitious of winning the regard of the male sex.

During the past week private theatricals have been suggested. Every one is tired of dancing and music. The season had given them more than a surfeit of both, and so they have fallen back upon the theatricals.

The play on which they have decided is Goldsmith's famous production, "She Stoops to Conquer."

Miss Villiers, a pretty young girl with yellow hair and charming eyes, is to be Constantia Neville; Miss Delmaine, Kate Hardcastle; Lady Gertrude Vining, though rather young for the part, has consented to play Mrs. Hardcastle, under the impression that she looks well in a cap and powdered hair. An impossible Tony Lumpkin has been discovered in a nervous young man with a hesitation in his speech and a difficulty about the letter "S"—a young man who wonderfully misunderstands Tony, and brings him out in a hitherto unknown character; a suitable Hastings has been found in the person of Captain Ringwood, a gallant young officer, and one of the "curled darlings" of society.

But who is to play Marlow? Who is to be the happy man, so blessed—even though in these fictitious circumstances—as to be allowed to make love to the reigning beauty of the past season? Nearly every man in the house has thrown out a hint as to his fitness for the part, but as yet no arrangement has been arrived at.

Sir Adrian of course is the one toward whom all eyes—and some very jealous ones—are directed. But his duties as host compel him, sorely against his will, to draw back a little from the proffered honor, and to consult the wishes of his guests rather than his own. Miss Delmaine herself has laughingly declined to make any choice of a stage lover, so that, up to the present moment, matters are still in such a state of confusion and uncertainty that they have been unable to name any date for the production of their play.

It is four o'clock, and they are all standing or sitting in the library, intent as usual in discussing the difficulty. They are all talking together, and, in the excitement that prevails, no one hears the door open, or the footman's calm introduction of a gentleman, who now comes leisurely up to where Sir Sir Adrian is standing, leaning over Florence Delmaine's chair.

TO BE CONTINUED.

AMBERGRIS.

The Product of Some Disease in the Sperm Whale.

The word ambergris is French, and signifies gray amber, but by whom or when first applied to this marine phenomenon we have not yet been able to discover.

The scientific explanation of the nature of ambergris is that it is the product of some disease is the sperm whale analogous to gall stones. It is sometimes in the intestines of the creature, but more frequently is found, after expulsion, floating on the surface of tropical seas. It floats in masses which have a speckled-gray appearance, and mixed with which are generally found some remnants of the known food of whales.

The best quality of Ambergris is soft and waxy, but it is said not to be uniform in color. The streaky or marked specimens are preferred. It is opaque and inflammable, remarkably light as to specific gravity, as may be understood from its always keeping to the surface, and it is rugged to the touch.

Most of what comes into the market is found near the Bahama islands, but it is also found at the Moluccas and other parts of the Indian ocean, off a portion of the coast of South America, but sometimes floating on the Atlantic ocean.

The essential characteristic of ambergris is its powerful and peculiar odor. It is so peculiar that art has never been able to imitate it, although the scarcity and enormous price of ambergris has lent every stimulus to invention. It is so powerful and diffusive that the very minutest quantity is perceptible in the most fragrant perfumes.

The chief compouent of ambergris is a fatty matter called ambrein, which is obtained by boiling in alcohol. This ambrein—and there is said to be about 85 per cent of it in the best ambergris—is what gives it the value for it is in this ingredient that the perfume lies.

There is another peculiarity ascribed to ambergris, and that is the power to exalt the flavor or perfume of other substances with which it is brought into combination. Thus a grain or two rubbed down with sugar is often added to a hogshead of wine, giving a perceptible and, what is considered by some, an improved flavor to the whole. And a small particle of ambergris added to other perfumes is found to exalt the odor of the blend.

In fact ambergris is too dear to use alone, and it is so dear that it is one of the most adulterated articles known to chemists. It is adulterated both by those who export it and in the countries in which it is used.

Some Peculiar Plants.

A very funny plant in the government botanical garden, says a Washington letter to the Boston *Transcript*, is the so-called barber plant, the leaves of which are used in some parts of the east by rubbing on the face to keep the beard from growing. It is not supposed to have any effect on a beard that is already rooted, but merely to act as a preventative, boys employing it to keep the hair from getting a start on their face. It is also employed by some Oriental people who desire to keep parts of their heads free from hair, as a matter of fashion.

Also found in the botanical garden is the "cruel plant," which is so designated because it catches butterflies and kills them for sport. Its flowers attract the poor little flutterer by the honey it offers, and when the victim lights upon it it grabs the butterfly by the head and holds it fast until the captive dies. Then the flower drops it on the ground and lies in wait for a fresh unfortunate.

A curious-looking tree from the isthmus of Panama bears a round red fruit as big as an apple, which has this remarkable faculty, that its juice, rubbed on tough beef or chicken, makes the meat tender by the chemical power it possesses to separate the flesh fibers. One is interested to observe in the botanical green-house three kinds of plants that have real consumption of the lungs—the leaves, of course, being the lungs of a plant. The disease is manifested by the turning of the leaves from green to white, the affection gradually spreading from one spot upfil, when a leaf is all white, it is just about to die. Cruelly enough, as it would seem, the gardiners only try to perpetuate the disease for the sake of beauty and curiosity, all plants of those varieties that are too healthy being thrown away.

A Wise Mother Cat.

There were three cats in a William street family in Norwich, Conn., and as the lady of the house concluded that one was sufficient an edict of death was passed on the old cat and her kitten. The question of the manner of death was settled and chloroform purchased.

Some days passed before the executioner could muster courage to execute the sentence, and finally the lady put some laudanum into the cat's milk, thinking to produce a stupor that would make the chloroforming more easy.

The old cat tasted the milk, cast her eyes suspiciously about her, and refused to eat. The kitten rushed to the dish, but was violently knocked away by the old cat, who took a corner of a mat and covered over the dish to hide it from the kitten and prevent her from taking the "medicine."

The lady could not believe it possible that the act was intentional and uncovered the dish. The cat again knocked the kitten from it and covered it more carefully than before. The repetition of the protective act was too much for the lady, and the cat and her two kittens are allowed to live.—*Our Dumb Animals.*

Siberian Railway.

M. Nicolai, the engineer at the head of the commission that has been investigating the question of a Siberian railway for the Russian government, has reported that the whole line can be completed by 1900, at an expense of about $130,000,000.

Grasshopper-like vehicles comfortably trundling over the smooth pavements of Washington are called the herdic. For years the herdic has been a well-patronized form of conveyance in that city. It is so called from its inventor, Peter Herdic, a Pennsylvania Dutchman.

Fully Equal to All Demands.

Emigrant (complainingly)—"Everybody seems to be robbing me. I am swindled right and left."

Emigrant Commissioner (indignantly)—"Are they, indeed? You should report all such cases to us. If there is any robbery going on, we'll attend to it."

Would Respect His Wishes.

Old Gentleman (from head of the stairs at late hour)—"Clara, I think you and that young man have talked enough for one evening."

Clara—"All right, pa. We won't say another word."

Modesty.

"Go to a place where there's a ballet show? Well, indeed I won't," and the fareful maiden turned away and continued making her selections of stockings and tights in order to go down to bathe.

An Unfailing Sign.

Ted—"I'd like you to meet my new girl. I wish to learn whether she is pretty."

Ned—"I'm no judge. Why don't you take her into a crowded horse-car some day?"

It is Rank Nonsense.

No doubt the negro question is a serious one to the south, but any talk about disfranchisement does not seem timely.

Do you want to know why very short women are looking tall this summer, and very tall women are looking shorter? The tall ones are wearing striped dresses with the stripe running around, and the short ones appear with the stripes running up and down.

There is a pride in being the bad one of the family the same as there is in being the good one. If you ever noticed, the black sheep of the family looks two-thirds proud and one-third ashamed when he hears himself called bad and wicked.

My wife had been so long afflicted with chills her health became very bad. Quinine did not agree with her, and I concluded to give her Smith's Tonic Syrup, and to my astonishment two bottles made her perfectly well.—*P. C. Lee, Bigbee Valley, Miss.*

As a rule we dislike the man who has everything "made to order."

Ask your druggist for CHEATHAM'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. Distinguished from the old original by the word "tasteless" printed in red on all cartoons and labels. A new departure, but the result of years of careful study and experimenting. "No cure no pay." Take it and be happy.

A man is very much like a hen. He likes to sit on more eggs than he can cover.

INVALIDS, aged people, nursing mothers, overworked, wearied out fathers, will find the happiest results from a judicious use of Dr. Sherman's Prickly Ash Bitters. Where the liver or kidneys are affected, prompt action is necessary to change the tide toward health, ere the disease becomes chronic—possibly incurable, and there is nothing better to be found in the whole range of *materia medica*. Sold everywhere.

Caution is often wasted, but it is a very good risk to take.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

In the matrimonial market the demand often depends upon the demand.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

The rosy glow of health you hear so much about is usually freckles.

To Remove Scale.

Noncorrosive Boiler Compound is the best compound that is in the market for keeping Boilers free from scale. It is specially adapted and prepared for different classes of water. The Leading Railroads, Packing Houses and Stationary Plants are using it. Address Noncorrosive Boiler Compound Co., Kansas City, Mo., or Box T, Dallas, Texas.

Somehow a woman fool always seems to be a greater fool than a man fool.

STRUCK IT RICH.

J. McElwee Hits the Louisiana State Lottery for $15,000.

[Philadelphia (Pa.) Item, July 28.]

W. J. McElwee, of 1223 South Sixteenth street, had a one-twentieth ticket of No. 72,561, which drew the first Capital prize in the Louisiana State Lottery on the 15th instant. The whole ticket was $300 00.

Mr. McElwee received $15,000. When he received notification of the fact that he held a lucky number he was overjoyed. He was a hard-working man, and the thought of sudden wealth gave him a degree of happiness which he had never felt in his life before.

The day after he received the check for $15,000, he stopped work, and has gone on a vacation.

The boarding mistress and his employer were seen by the *Item* reporter and they both said that he had said before leaving that he was not going to work again. He is very shrewd and industrious and said that he expected to go into business with a part of the money.

Idealism—bathing your pedal extremities; realism—washing your feet.

The illustrated Supplement to *Harper's Weekly* for August 27th will contain a timely article on "Cycling in the United States," by F. P. Prial. In the same number will appear a portrait of Rudyard Kipling, together with a critical estimate of his writings by Andrew Lang.

Howling is not singing and a piano cannot strike back.

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup"
has been used over Fifty Years by mothers for their children while Teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the Gums, allays all Pain, cures Wind Colic, regulates the bowels, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes, and is for sale by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Streets were made for brass bands and not brass bands for the streets.

The Secret of Success.

The success that Messrs. Loomis & Nyman of Tiffin, O., have met with in the manufacture of Well Boring Machinery is due largely to the fact that they have every facility for manufacturing first-class machines and are thoroughly responsible in all dealings, and have been engaged in the business for over 30 years. Also by a liberal patronage of the Newspapers. Their advertisement of "Bore Wells" is familiar to most readers. All persons interested in the subject should write for catalogue to Messrs Loomis & Nyman, Tiffin, Ohio.

The chief trouble with the census liar is that he does not exaggerate.

FARMERS.—If you want free information about Northwest Texas, Baylor county, center of Wheat Belt in Brazos Valley or Seymour, best new town in Texas, address Edwards & Magill, Seymour, Tex.

The man who borrows your dress suit is the first one to notice the little rips in it.

A Touchstone.

His finest skill, his subtlest art,
Against oblivion naught av